

# 2005 ASW Partnership Conference



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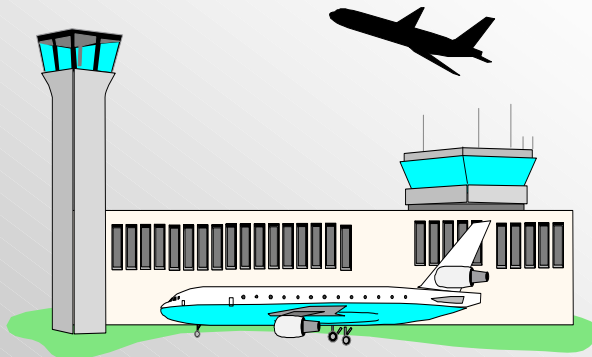


# Session Title

## Air Quality, Noise & Miscellaneous Environmental Issues

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# Air Quality

➔ Ozone Standards have changed.

➤ 1hour at .12ppm is now 8 hours at .08 ppm.

➔ Effective Date: November 29, 2004.

➔ New Counties added to Nonattainment Areas.



# Air Quality

## 8-Hour Standard Nonattainment Areas

### ARKANSAS

Crittenden County

### LOUISIANA

Ascension Parish

East Baton Rouge Parish

Iberville Parish

Livingston Parish

West Baton Rouge Parish



# Air Quality

## 8-Hour Standard Nonattainment Areas

### TEXAS

Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX (Marginal)

Hardin, Jefferson, & Orange Counties

Dallas-Fort Worth, TX (Moderate)

Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman,  
Parker, Rockwall, & Tarrant Counties

Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX (Moderate)

Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston,  
Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, & Waller Counties

San Antonio, TX (Subpart 1 EAC)

Bexar, Comal, & Guadalupe Counties



# Air Quality

## Maintenance Areas

### LOUISIANA

Beauregard, Calcasieu, Grant, Jefferson,  
Lafayette, Lafourche, Orleans, Pointe Coupee,  
St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, &  
St. Mary Parishes

### TEXAS

Victoria County



# Air Quality

- ✈ Bad News – General Conformity Applies.
- ✈ Good News – Eligible for VALE!



# Noise

- Good News -EIS noise mitigation now eligible for air/noise set-aside funds.
- Bad News - Vision 100 prevents funding below 65 DNL for Part 150 mitigation through 2007.
- Good News - Environmental mitigation below 65 DNL still eligible with provisions.
- Mixed News - Noise funding decisions will be made from Regional level rather than ADO level.
- Good News - Delegation of Part 150 NCP approvals to begin next fiscal year.





# Regional Environmental Team

- 500 Categorical Exclusions
- 33 Environmental Assessments
- 6 Environmental Impact Statements
- 13 Part 150 Studies
- The environmental workload does not follow ADO boundaries!



# Regional Environmental Team

	<u>AR/OK ADO</u>	<u>LA/NM ADO</u>	<u>TX ADO</u>
EAs	5	19	9
EISs	1	4	1
Part 150s	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	7	29	16



# Regional Environmental Team

- ✈ AR/OK ADO – Tim Tandy
- ✈ LA/NM ADO – Joy Porter
- ✈ TX ADO – Paul Blackford
- ✈ Planning & Programming Branch
  - Lance Key
  - Dean McMath



# Regional Environmental Team

- ➔ Joy, Tim, & Paul will continue to work in their geographic areas to the extent possible.
- ➔ However, they can "float" among the other ADOs, providing support where needed.
- ➔ Lance will also "float" among the ADOs as his workload allows.
- ➔ Dean serves as Team Leader in addition to his regular workload.

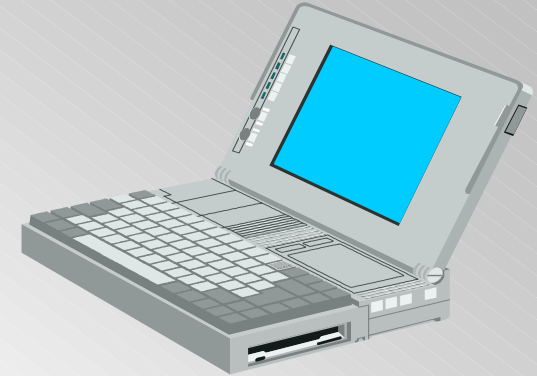


# Good Planning = Timely Environmental

- Have a good Master Plan that identifies & justifies needs.
- Develop good forecasts within 10% of TAF, or justify/document difference.
- Develop good CIP.
- Start environmental on time.
  - CEs – fiscal year prior to project,
  - EAs – 2 fiscal years prior to project, and
  - EISs – 3 fiscal years prior to project.
- Don't start without us! Let us help with Scopes of Work.



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